

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 15, 2011

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology was called to order at 8:16 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance:

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D.

James Campbell, Ph.D.

Charles E. Maynard, M.S.

Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, Ph.D.

Board Members not in attendance:

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

The minutes of the open session held on July 14, 2011 were

presented. On motion by Dr. James Campbell, seconded by Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on July 14, 2011 were reviewed. On motion of Dr. James Campbell, seconded by Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it passed unanimously.

Board Members reviewed and discussed Draft legislation for licensing Behavioral Analysts (BA). Members ask if the Department of Health plans to take a stand on this matter, does the Department think another license is necessary. Members suggest if there is a determination that a new license will be established, it should not be defined by a private entity as is alleged to have happened in another state. The State of RI should control the process with Hearings as well as other public input. Members suggest it need not be a separate board, but may be under psychology because Applied Behavior Analysts (ABA) is narrowly focused on an approach, an intervention, while a licensed psychologist covers a broad range including but not limited to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Chair, Dr. Oppenheimer suggests not a new license, but skills & training for a licensed psychologist and possibly other licensed professionals.

Board members and this administrator discuss possible efficiencies in reviewing non traditional applications. Board members make a proposal to have a committee of 2 board members who are licensed psychologists, they will review Non-APA applications (per section

4.1) and Equivalency to Doctorate in Psychology applications (per section 4.2 to 4.2.1), they will make recommendation to the full board. On motion of Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, PhD, seconded by Dr. James Campbell, it was unanimously voted to establish the Equivalency Review Committee.

Board members discuss the recent increase in inquiries regarding qualifications for licensure that originate from individuals who are not applicants. Members want to be a resource and provide quality guidance in an organized manner. Board members make a proposal to have a committee of 2 board members who are licensed psychologists, they will review written inquiries from individuals who are not applicants, inquiries must provide relevant documentation, review will be good faith guidance, they will make recommendation to the full board. On motion of Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, PhD, seconded by Dr. James Campbell, it was unanimously voted to establish the Pre Application Inquiry Committee.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, PhD, seconded by Charles Maynard, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:02 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:15 am. On motion of Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. James Campbell, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Psych C11-319 Complaint dismissed

Psych 2009-06 Relief from Probation

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, seconded by Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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